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1. On 20 October 1952, the Reuss Kaserne on Franz Petri Strasse, Gera (T 51/K 06), was occupied by about 2,400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia and a few with AT insignia. Uniformed women with AT insignia were also observed. Twelve factory new and 50 old trucks

[REDACTED] were seen entering and leaving the installation. According to rumors, troop shipments arrived at the Gera railroad station during the night of 18 October.

2. On 20 October, the windows of the Panzer Kaserne north of Gera were fully lighted after nightfall. [REDACTED] at least 250 troops were stationed there.

3. Troop trains arriving at the Gera railroad station during the period from 1 to 13 October included:

1 October. A train carrying 8 x 76.2-mm AT guns, 8 prime movers [REDACTED] trucks loaded with billeting equipment and [REDACTED] about 600 officers and E1 wearing red-bordered black epaulets, which arrived from Ohrdruf at 11:05 a.m. The troops left for the Reuss Kaserne on Franz Petri Strasse. Five of the prime movers moved to the Reuss Kaserne, while 3, carrying ammunition and fuel, went to the Panzer Kaserne in Tinz.

2 October. A train consisting of 26 boxcars transporting about 600 officers and E1 wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 3 boxcars loaded with ammunition and fuel, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 10 x 76.2-mm T guns, 2 x 45-mm AT guns, 30 trucks [REDACTED] and 3 prime movers, towing trailers loaded with billeting equipment, arrived from Ohrdruf at 5:58 a.m. Ammunition and fuel was hauled to the Panzer Kaserne in Tinz, while the troops with the rest of the materiel moved to the Reuss Kaserne.

A train consisting of 21 boxcars transporting about 700 officers and E1 wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 1 boxcar occupied by about 35 uniformed women, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 12 x 76.2-mm AT guns, 6 prime movers with trailers, [REDACTED] and including some loaded with ammunition and fuel, and 10 trucks carrying equipment and

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[redacted] arrived from Chedruf at 11:05 a.m.. Ammunition and fuel was hauled to the Panzer Kaserne in Tinz while the troops with the rest of the materiel left for the Reuss Kaserne.

12 October. A train carrying 3 canvas-covered tanks arrived from Zeitz at 3:18 a.m. and later left in the direction of Plauen-Glauchau.

13 October. A train carrying 52 new 1.5-ton trucks with side benches, escorted by 2 officers and 20 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets, who unloaded the trucks and drove them to the Reuss Kaserne, arrived at 1:13 a.m. coming from Frankfurt/Oder.

4. On 13 October, the Panzer Kaserne in Tinz north of Gera was occupied by about 180 officers and EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including a few with tank insignia. Rumors were that the Panzer Kaserne would be vacated for the VP.¹

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